Demand No.	Amount Rs.	Particulars.
Demand IX—Administration of Justice ...	7,000	For expenditure under "Batta to prisoners" for the remaining months of the current year.
Demand XXV—Loans for Agricultural, Industrial and other purposes ...	1,50,000	Additional grant for agricultural loans.

DEMANDS FOR SUPPLEMENTARY GRANTS.

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE.

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*) : Sir, I beg to move for a supplementary grant not exceeding Rs. 58 under Demand IX—Administration of justice. This amount is required for the appointment of additional staff for the Village Panchayat Court at Parur. The work of the Panchayat Court at Parur has been increasing steadily for the last three or four years and it has not been found possible to cope with the existing staff which consists of 1 clerk, 3 peons and 1 piecework copyist. This demand is intended for strengthening the staff by the addition of one clerk on Rs. 20 and one peon on Rs. 9 per mensem.

The grant was made.

AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES.

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Census Commissioner*) : Sir, I beg to move that the Government be granted a sum not exceeding Rs. 9,500 under Demand XIII—Agriculture and Fisheries. This time last year also, I moved in the House for a supplementary grant for the very same purpose, namely, to supply salt to fish curers at concessional rate. I told the House then that the Fisheries Department purchases salt from the Excise Department on payment of the full issue price, namely, from Re. 1 annas 14 to Rs. 2 annas 2 a maund. The Fisheries Department spends another four annas a maund in transporting the salt from the Salt Depots to the Fish Curing Yards and sells it to the fish curers at Re. 1 as. 4 per maund. There is thus a difference of from fourteen annas to Re. 1 as. 2 a maund which has to be met by Government. There is a provision of Rs. 7,500 in the Budget to meet

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[Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai.]

this deficit. But when the fishing season is favourable, when we get plenty of catches of fish, the amount provided in the Budget is not sufficient to meet the demand. Practically the whole allotment provided for this year has been spent by Kumbham and if the Fish Curing Yards are to continue till the end of the year, an additional sum of Rs. 9,500 is necessary. That is why the supplementary grant is asked for. I hope the House will allow it.

The grant was made.

MEDICAL AND SANITARY.

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Sir, I beg to move for a supplementary grant not exceeding Rs. 1,400 under Demand XVI—Sanitary Department. The amount is required for purchasing an electrical Refrigerator to be used as a cold storage for stocking lymph and also for purchasing an electric motor. The cold storage requires a temperature below the freezing-point. The present system of stocking lymph in an ice-chest is not working well. Though the ice in it is replenished every day, it is not found possible to keep the temperature below 10° c. Hence the necessity to purchase a Refrigerator, at a cost not exceeding Rs. 1,200.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): May I know how that matter has been stored up to the present day?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): It is stored in an ice-chest. The ice is replenished every day. Still, it is found not practicable to bring the temperature below 10° c. The optimum temperature required is below the freezing point. That can be obtained only if we have an electrical Refrigerator.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): I wish to know whether this difficulty is felt now because of the widespread epidemic?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: We are growing wiser every day. We are trying with ice but small-pox has broken in an epidemic form. So we are improving.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Has that anything to do with the epidemic?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: It is only for the purpose of improving the administrative machinery that this grant is asked for.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): How is the storing done in other places? I wish to know whether our Department is behind-hand. Just to get an idea how our Department is working, I am asking the question.

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): The electrical Refrigerator is used in other places. We are still continuing the primitive method.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Why did the Government not try to discontinue the primitive methods long ago?

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